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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

## **Section 1. Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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## **Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)**

☒ A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

☐ No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

## **Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted**

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/375,433, filed on February 27, 2003.**

## **Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement.**

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 3.

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Respectfully submitted,



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	DS	"The Simple Solution For Those Peak Volume Periods", Highland Supply Corporation, 1989, 6 pages.	
	DT	"Cellocoup - It's A Wrap", The John Henry Company, 1992, 4 pages.	
	DU	"A World Of Cut Flowers And Pot Plant Packaging", Brochure, Klerk's Plastic Products Manufacturing, Inc., D Date Unknown, 6 pages. Applicant admits that the products described in this brochure have been on sale at least more than one year prior to the filing of the present patent application.	
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